

## **COLONEL DAVID J. MIKOLAITIES / BIOGRAPHY**

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COL David J. Mikolaities is a member of the New Hampshire Army National Guard (NHARNG) where he has been assigned as the Construction & Facilities Management Officer (CFMO) since 2010. In this capacity, he functions as the senior engineer staff officer for The Adjutant General of New Hampshire where he plans, directs, and administers the Installation Program for the State of New Hampshire; including all real property operations, maintenance, repair, and construction actions for all NHARNG facilities.

COL Mikolaities was commissioned as an Infantry Officer upon graduation from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1987. His assignments in the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Mechanized) included platoon leader, executive officer, support platoon leader and Battalion S-4. Upon completion of the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, he served in the Infantry schoolhouse until he departed active duty in 1992. After completion of the Special Forces Qualification Course in 1994, he joined the Massachusetts Army National Guard as a traditional M-day soldier in C Company, 1<sup>st</sup> BN, 20<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne). In 2001, COL Mikolaities transitioned to the U.S. Army Reserves where he was assigned to Special Operations Command – CENTRAL (SOCCENT) at MacDill Force Base in Tampa, FL. In 2003-2004, he deployed with SOCCENT and 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group to Qatar and Iraq, respectively. In 2007, COL Mikolaities joined the New Hampshire Army National Guard beginning his technician career. His traditional M-day duties and assignments have included the Sustainment and Training Branch OIC, Deputy CFMO, 54<sup>th</sup> Troop Command Battalion Commander and currently the CFMO. During this time period, COL Mikolaities deployed to Afghanistan with 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Forces Group in 2009 and again in 2010. He served in a variety of assignments that included Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan (CJSOTF-A) J-5 Engineer Planner, Group Engineer and as a mentor to Afghanistan's Special Forces Commando Staff. His technician duties have included the Design and Construction Branch Chief as well as the CFMO position.

COL Mikolaities received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, a Masters of Arts degree in Management from Webster University and a Masters in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. COL Mikolaities is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of New Hampshire. He is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Course, Special Forces Qualification Course, Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape (SERE) School, Special Forces Advanced Urban Combat (SFAUC) Course, Combined Arms Service and Staff School, Command and General Staff College, the Joint Forces Staff College and the U.S. Army War College.

In 2016, National Guard Bureau selected COL Mikolaities to attend the U.S. Northern Command Dual Status Commander's Course where he is trained in defense support of civil authorities (state active duty) missions. On 7 December 2016, the U.S. Senate confirmed the nomination of COL Mikolaities to the rank of Brigadier General.

COL Mikolaities' military awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters National Defense Service Medal, Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Overseas Service Ribbon, Parachutist Badge, Honduran Armed Forces Parachutist Badge, Army Mountain Warfare School Ram's Head device, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Ranger Tab, Special Forces Tab, and the U.S. Army's Excellence in Competition Bronze Medal Badges, in both rifle and pistol marksmanship.

COL Mikolaities is a New Hampshire native, born and raised in Manchester. He currently resides in Portsmouth, New Hampshire with his wife Sandy, their two sons, Skyler and Adam, and their daughter, Sierra.